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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 40 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 5 sheets of formal drawings containing 20 figures.

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3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-360230, filed on December 12, 2002.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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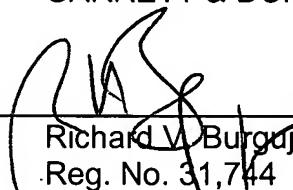
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